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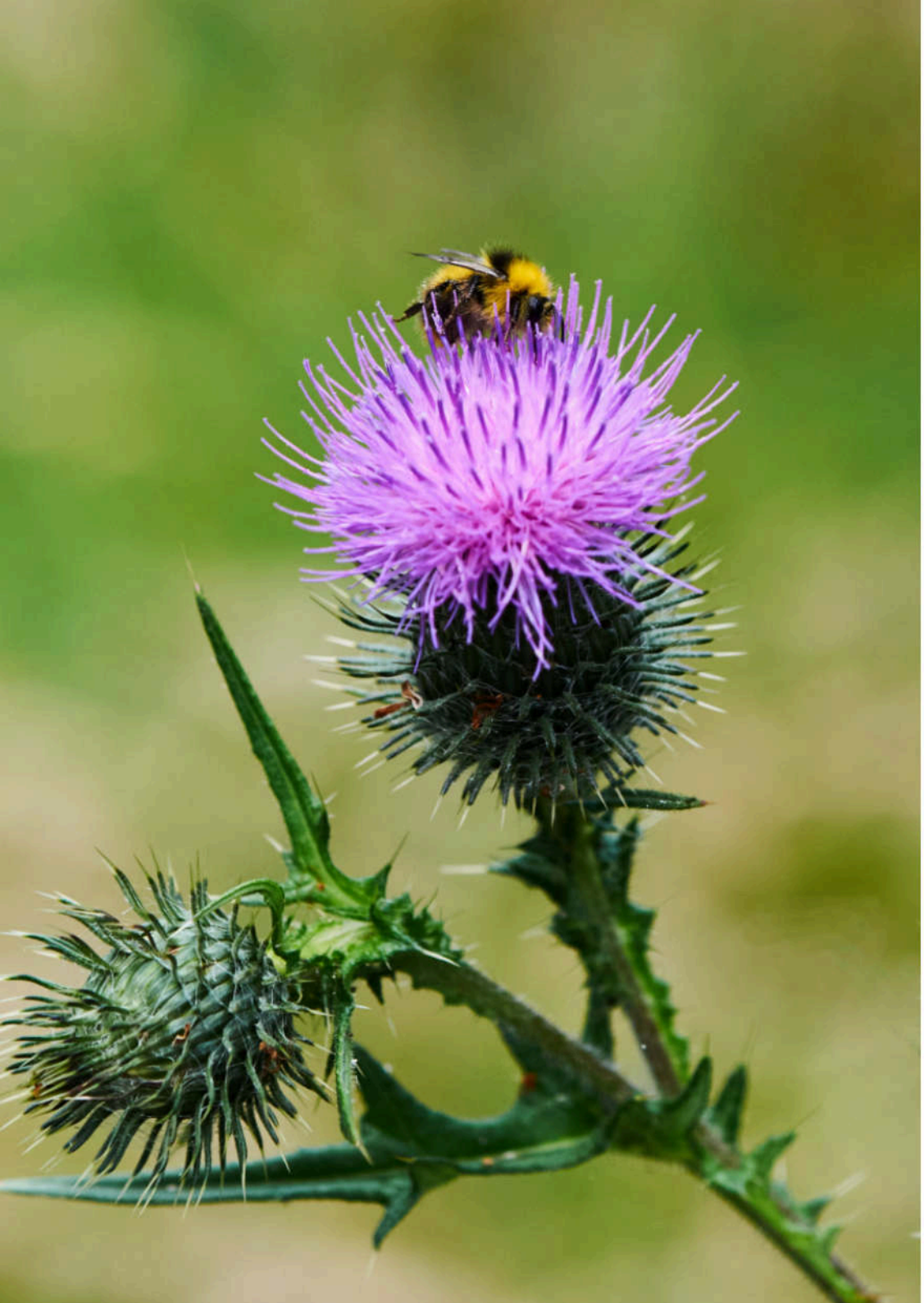

EDITORIAL

We hope you are enjoying the Summer come rain or shine and some rain would be welcome.

Check out our website at https://www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk/leisure.html for places to visit and entertainment venues to keep you entertained during the holiday.

Tiger 1, a new bus service routed through Swavesey, is now operating Monday to Saturday between Cambridge and Huntingdon. See the timetable and all the stops at https://bustimes.org/services/t1-huntingdon-cambridge Please try out and use this service so that it can continue to operate.

Changes are coming to our telephone services where the landline phones will now operate via broadband and the old copper connection will be removed. This has implications for anyone using personal alarms or any equipment other than phones connected to the telephone system See the article on page 14 for details. Mobile phones are not affected and I believe you can retain your existing phone number.

Deadline for the October/November issue is **August 20**.
Please send articles to:- editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk

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A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at:-
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August		
Friday 1	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 15	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 18	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 29	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
September		
Friday 12	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 19	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 22	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 26	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey WI News

Meetings coming up……..	
August	Summer Picnic
September 8th	“Fig leaves to Feather Boas”. Talk by Fran Saltmarsh.
October 13th	”Food, Farming and Fishing”. Talk by Jenny Jefferies

In May, Tim Forman from SERV Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Blood Runners gave us a very informative talk about this valuable service which is served by volunteers and does not receive any funding from the Government or the NHS, relying totally on donations.

It was launched in May 2011, providing an essential service delivering urgently needed blood products to our NHS hospitals, hospices and to vulnerable patients. They also deliver donated human milk to various milk banks. This service runs 24 hours a day,

In June our members enjoyed visiting fellow members’ gardens up and down the village.

The weather was glorious and tea and scones were enjoyed in the garden of member Margaret Guest.

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Spartans Day – A Celebration of Football and Community

Did anyone make it down to the green on 15th June for our annual Spartans Day feast of football? If you did, you won't have been disappointed—what a fantastic day!

Spartans Day is our season finale and the only time all age groups, from Under 7s through to U16s, come together to celebrate everything that makes our club special. With mini 5-a-side tournaments running throughout the day, it was great to see so many players enjoying the beautiful game as one club.

We also held a taster session for prospective Under 6 players, and around a dozen little ones joined in. Watching them run around full of excitement was a joy. The contrast between their first steps in football and our Under 16 players receiving their 10-year tankards was striking. Imagine those little ones getting their own tankards in 2035!

Of course, it wasn't just about the football. Fundraising is also a key part of the day, and this year's raffle didn't disappoint, with many fantastic prizes on offer. One of the biggest laughs came when a hair treatment prize went to a rather follically challenged gentleman!

A BBQ, sweets and cake stall, and an ice cream van kept everyone well-fed and smiling too.

We were proud to present an incredible 176 participation trophies as well as 21 players from across our Under 16 boys and girls teams receiving the coveted 10-year tankards. A true celebration of dedication and passion across the club.

While our ethos remains focused on providing fun, inclusive football for all, we rightly also took time to recognise competitive success.

Congratulations to our Under 13 and Under 16 boys who finished runners-up in their leagues—and an even bigger shoutout to the Under 14 girls, who went one better and were crowned league champions! A fantastic effort from all involved!

None of this would be possible without our amazing coaches and executive committee members who give up so much of their time to ensure the young people of Swavesey and around have a club to be proud of. Without them we just do not exist.

Special mentions go to Rob Sayward for leading the organisation of the event, and to Kate Moss and Kev Ward for their incredible work securing raffle prizes.

As the season ends, we also say goodbye and thank you to two valued members of our coaching team: Kate Moss (Under 14 girls) and Dean Pettengell (Under 16 boys and club equipment officer). Their commitment and energy has been simply outstanding and they both leave with our very best wishes.

Spartans Day reminded us once again of the strong community spirit that defines our club. Here's to another great season of football ahead!

One Club. All Voices. United Through Football

Swavesey and District History Society

May meeting. At very short notice, John Sheppard of Swavesey spoke on The Revolution of Pumpimg Sewage in Cambridge. John, a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, is a Trustee at the Cambridge Museum of Technology based in The Old Pumping Station, Cheddars Lane, with an entrance on Riverside.

The Romans brought the first sewage treatment to England, but it was not until the 1800s when four major outbreaks of cholera started in large industrial cities where living conditions were often cramped and squalid and which killed many thousands of people, that the issue was taken seriously again. The population of England rose from 10 million in 1800 to 17 million in 1850 and it kept on rising. The university was growing and the local population continued to rise in Cambridge, leading to a problem with sewage and smells in the River Cam along with breathing discomfort and health problems, including typhoid. To combat the increasing problem a pumping station was built at Cheddars Lane, Milton in 1894. 37 miles of new sewer pipe were installed under Cambridge to transport sewage to the pumping station. The still-existing original chimney, nearly 60 metres tall, is a well-known landmark and in 1992, steam engineer Fred Dibnah did repairs on it. From the start, two impressive Hathorn Davey pumping engines, powered by steam pressure and which are still there, the last in the world, were installed to move the sewage on from the well beneath the engines to the treatment plant at Milton, 2 miles away. Initially the waste was simply spread on fields there to fertilise grassland for livestock, with major improvement when anaerobic digestion treatment was later installed.

Initially workers kept the fires burning 24 hours a day to produce the steam to power the engines. At first only coal was used, but in the early 1900s the council also started burning street rubbish collected by “scavengers” as boiler fuel. Addenbrookes hospital also supplied limbs for burning. Then gas and then electricity were subsequently used.

The pumping station was closed down in 1968, but volunteers maintain the steam engines, which are now on display as part of the museum. The museum is open to visitors Fri, Sat and Sun, 10.30 to 1600, with activities and events through to the autumn of 2025.

June meeting. Nearly 50 people attended to hear Richard Hewlings of Swavesey give a talk on Richard Bentley and Over Rectory. Bentley (1662 – 1742), was born in Oulton near Leeds. He was a brilliant classical scholar (Greek and Roman) and theologian and became Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. His father was a yeoman farmer but his mother had some education and was able to give him his first lessons. After attending grammar school in Wakefield, Bentley entered St John's College, Cambridge in 1676 where he received the degrees of BA and MA. He was appointed headmaster

of Spalding Grammar School before he was 21 years old. Edward Stillingfleet, the dean of St Paul's Cathedral (later Bishop of Worcester) hired Bentley as tutor to his son for six years including during attendance at Wadham College, Oxford. This allowed Bentley to meet eminent scholars and to have access to the best private library in England. After becoming Master of Trinity College in 1700 he initiated a programme of expensive renovations to the buildings, in particular the Chapel and the Master's Lodge, without consulting the Trinity Fellowship who became annoyed with Bentley. His contemptuous treatment of many eminent colleagues led to extensive controversy and litigation. A Fellow of the Royal Society, Bentley was interested in natural theology and the new physical sciences, subjects on which he corresponded with Isaac Newton – another difficult person. After ten years of stubborn but ineffectual resistance, the Fellows appealed with their complaints to the Bishop of Ely. When Bentley protested, the Fellows amended their petition but added a charge of Bentley having committed fifty-four breaches of the statutes. His interest to this History Society was that he rebuilt Over Rectory, having told Trinity College that he was rebuilding the old farmhouse, part of their estate in Over, but in truth he was building a gentleman's residence for himself! After successful, lengthy manoeuvring to avoid punishment, the Fellows again brought Bentley to trial before the Bishop of Ely in 1733 and he was sentenced to deprivation. The College statutes required the sentence to be exercised by the Vice-Master Richard Walker who was a friend of Bentley and refused to act. Although the feud continued until 1739 (about thirty years in all), Bentley remained in his post. He was a remarkable man in many ways.

Next meeting: - 16 September when the 2025/26 season starts. Arsenic’s toxic legacy: People, Places, Pests and Peppermints. Neil Dickinson.

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

This September, on two dates only, we are bringing canoeing back to Fen Drayton Lakes. You will be led on an exploratory journey around islands and reed to experience the reserve from an angle rarely seen by visitors.

We are working in partnership with a well-respected water sports company to deliver this exciting event so no previous experience of canoeing is required. You will be in expert hands and guided by a reserve warden with many years knowledge of the site and its wildlife.

As you paddle gently through the waterways, you'll find yourself immersed in a world teeming with life. Majestic bitterns stand sentinel in the reeds, their long legs perfectly adapted for wading through shallow waters as they hunt for fish. Moorhens dart among the reeds, their distinctive red bills and black plumage adding splashes of colour to the landscape. With patience and a keen eye, you may also catch a glimpse of an otter moving through the water, a real highlight of any visit to the reserve.

Canoeing offers a sustainable way to explore these delicate ecosystems without disturbing the wildlife. The quiet, non-intrusive nature of a canoe allows you to observe animals in their natural habitat without causing undue stress or disruption. It's a chance to become a mindful observer, blending seamlessly into the environment and experiencing nature in its purest form.

So, consider grabbing a paddle, embarking on an adventure and letting the wonders of the natural world unfold before you.

To see further details and book tickets for this event and all other upcoming events, please visit:
events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

There's a network of channels to explore by canoe

Other upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

Wednesday Wander Guided Walk - Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

Volunteering Opportunities

We have a variety of different volunteer roles on the reserve including our practical work groups, visitor engagement and breeding bird surveys. If you would like to find out how you could get involved, please get in touch.

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STILL ON HOLS

You might remember from the last issue of your magazine that we are closed for the Summer. However at the same time we advertised our Welcome Evening back in SVC on September 4th at 7:00pm. This is a free event for everyone, so please come along and meet us. If we ourselves can't tempt you, there will be drinks and small eats too. Please record this in your diaries, as there is still some time to go. Once September starts we shall be in full swing.

The first lecture shouldn't be missed, on September 11th, given by the legendary Will Cheung FRPS, a great favourite in our club. Our next lecture is on 25th,

'Faces and Figures - People Photography ' by Dave Stewart.

An enjoyable evening for us all will be a homegrown event on 18th, when our own members will share their images which, we promise you, will not let the standard drop.

A good start to our year. To keep standards up there are two Advisory nights, on Tuesdays, both on Zoom, 16th for the Annual PDI Competition and 30th for the Monochrome Print Competition, which always have superb entries in any case.

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Here's a quick overview:

- Tiger 1 (Huntingdon - Cambridge) – A fast, hourly link into the city via Fenstanton, Swavesey and Longstanton. Ideal for commuters, students and residents seeking a quick and direct connection.
- Tiger 2 (Newmarket P&R - Madingley P&R) & Tiger 3 (Fulbourn - Grantchester) – These new services link key sites around Cambridge including Addenbrooke's, sixth forms and colleges, science parks and hospitals - avoiding city centre traffic.
- Tiger 4 (Newmarket - Addenbrooke's) & Tiger 5 (Soham ↔ Cambridge) – Serving East Cambridgeshire, these rural routes improve access to Cambridge from Fulbourn, Burwell, Swaffham and Soham.
- Tiger 7 (Wisbech - Chatteris) – Hourly buses connect underserved Fenland villages like Manea and Christchurch, running early morning to late evening.
- Tiger 12 (Longstanton P&R - Sutton) – A new rural route linking Sutton, Earith and Willingham to the guided Busway at Longstanton, perfect for onward travel into Cambridge.

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Is your landline ready?
The Digital Switchover is coming –
by 31 January 2027* traditional phone lines
will be upgraded with digital technology.
* Deadline confirmed by Openreach at time of publication

Is your landline ready?

Landlines are changing. By January 2027*, traditional landlines will be upgraded with digital technology. This national upgrade is known as the **Digital Switchover** and will mean that landline calls will be made over the internet instead of the old telephone network. Telephone providers are responsible for switching customers to the upgraded service, but everyone is encouraged to check if and how the change will affect them, especially those who rely on their landline or use a telecare device.

For many, the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your landline phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket. But for others, especially those who rely on their landline for care alarms, medical devices, or staying in touch, it's important to understand what the change means and what action they need to take in order to stay connected.

Connecting Cambridgeshire is running the *Get Ready, Go Digital, Stay Connected* campaign to help local residents prepare form and feel confident about, the change.

The switchover will mainly affect

- People without **an internet connection** at home
- Those who **rely on a traditional land line** not already upgraded to a digital phone service
- Users of telecare and personal alarm systems, eg fall monitors or lifelines.

3 things to do today

1. Contact your phone provider to find out if the change affects you.
2. Need support? Ask a trusted friend or family member to help.
3. Use a personal or fall alarm? Contact your provider to ensure it will still work with the new system.

Look out for scams
The switchover doesn't require upfront payments. If you get a suspicious call, hang up and contact your phone provider using the official number from a recent bill.

Support each other
Know someone who might need help? A quick conversation or offer to help them call their phone provider could make a big difference.

No one should be left behind. Whether it's you, a neighbour or a relative, now is the time to ask the question: *Is your landline ready?*

For more information, visit: www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/digitalswitchover or scan the QR code.

* Deadline confirmed by Openreach at time of publication.

Will Wright Memories

So we went back to Switzerland some time about the middle of January and went to the agents office in Biel and they told us they had arranged half a dozen gigs during the next couple of weeks which was fine and then they told us we all needed to liaise with a gentleman in the town, who was not only a record producer but also had a recording studio in the town close to the lakeside. Geographically Biel is located at one end of Lake Neuchatel which, obviously, is located at the other end from Neuchatel and it was interesting news that this guy was wanting a chat with us and a meeting had been arranged at his studio which was in a lovely location and in fact there were even a couple of English recording engineers working there. The result of all this was that we had agreed for him to produce an album of our songs so long as there was a separate and individual publishing company involved. Following discussions it was agreed that we were still short of 3 or 4 tunes for an album and a couple of weeks had been set aside for us to come up with the necessaries. Then to our amazement the management "team" had come up with a solution that was for us to lock ourselves away in a beautiful little alpine chalet to get on with it with as little distractions as possible, well would you believe it and they had even come up with an answer which was a chalet in the mountains. The village was called Adelboden in the Bernese Oberland, not on all maps - and the official road ended about a hundred yards or so before the track to the chalet. Never a dull moment but a truly amazing location even though we did have one interesting journey out with the snow chains very active.

There was another gentleman at that first get together in the studio who was not directly involved with our album but it turned out he was the main man responsible for the business side of Electro-voice speakers, aka EV speakers in the music world. Homework brought to light that though all E-V speakers were manufactured in the USA, they all entered Europe via the distribution system in Bern. The boss man was very interested in talking to us, which resulted in us being able to exchange all the speakers in our stage & sound system cabinets and he was very happy in doing such a deal and funny enough so were we. Funny old life innit?

The agency team thought it would be a good idea to send us to an alpine village called Adelboden right in the heart of the Bernese Oberland were there would be little in the form of distraction and we could get on & create more music & prepare ourselves for putting an album together in the lakeside studio. So after about 3 weeks or so we re-entered the real world from our Alpine paradise and started doing a few shows with all our new speakers encased.

The band had continued to use their original name of "Duffy" as they had already used it for a period of 6 months or so for their performances in the UK, Southern counties and a couple of short trips to Switzerland, not exactly centre of the entertainment industry but better known as the bank of Europe, so we left home with our fingers crossed. Paddy & myself seemed to have made a difference to the music we were creating together and the publicists were now categorising us as a " Progressive Rock " band which we all felt happy about.

This turned out to be a short trip during which we did about a dozen shows, all mainly in the Western area of Switzerland including a couple of nights in the Berne " Cavern" as it had become known before returning home to the UK for Christmas and we were also given a gig in Basle which is a unique town in so far that the railway station is in one country, the coach/bus station in another and needless to say the airport is in the 3rd country. Don't forget your passport

Our gig venue was on the Zurich side of town and was quite unique insofar that when it began to fill it was almost chock a block with Bikers - Motor cyclists & Rockers that is, any way we picked up on it & played a couple of " Steppenwolf " songs along with another couple of rocker album tracks and all went down well, in fact so well we were allocated another couple of gigs there later in the year.

When we returned back to the UK we did a couple of shows in the Guildford locality including one in a good club just off the High Street when we opened for the black country boys known as "Black Sabbath" whose vocalist was of course Ozzy Osbourne.

Selwyn's Easy "Pop Groups Over the Decades" Quiz. Part 7

Solve the mainly cryptic clues below, e.g., Liverpudlian insects 3, 7 The Beatles - we said it was easy! Note, where a group is called "The Something", sometimes "The" is dropped.

Society for those enjoying highbrow arts	7, 4
Hospital workers in East Yorkshire town	3, 8, 7
Sounds like largest primates	8
Profession often referred to as "Fuzz"	3, 6
Almost enchanted	1, 7
Sauces often used at Christmas	3, 11
Unlikely to find these apes in cold region	6, 7
Are his athletes out when clock strikes 12	5, 8, 7
Keep watch on winter's white stuff	4, 6
Sounds like Good Life character with heart stimulators	5, 3, 3, 10

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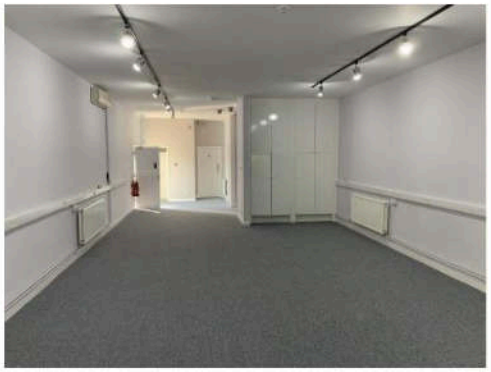

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Are your children taking part in this year's summer reading challenge "The Garden Story". If not, then you still have until mid-September to join and complete the challenge. Loads of books to read, lots of online activities, quizzes and suggestions on books to read. Don't wait, come along to Swavesey Library today and join the thousands of children who take part in these wonderful reading challenges each year.

Both good reasons to pop along to Swavesey Library and immerse yourself in the wonderful world of books.

We are open: -
Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm -5.30pm,
Wednesday evenings 5pm – 7pm and
Saturday mornings 10 – 12 noon.

The entrance into Swavesey Library is on the righthand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs into the college and along the corridor past the new college kitchen to our new location.
The old Stage area within the old hall

For further information; - see our web site:-
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SCHOOLS INFORMATION

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Society for those enjoying highbrow arts	7, 4	Culture Club
Hospital workers in East Yorkshire town	3, 8, 7	The Beverley Sisters
Sounds like largest primates	8	Gorillaz
Profession often referred to as "Fuzz"	3, 6	The Police
Almost enchanted	1, 7	B*Witched
Sauces often used at Christmas	3, 11	The Cranberries
Unlikely to find these apes in cold region	6, 7	Arctic Monkeys
Are his athletes out when clock strikes 12	5, 8, 7	Dexy's Midnight Runners
Keep watch on winter's white stuff	4, 6	Snow Patrol
Sounds like Good Life character with heart stimulators	5, 3, 3, 10	Gerry and the Pacemakers

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Emma, Queen's Guide and assistant Rainbow Leader

girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer

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PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC Sue Ellington

Hello Swavesey residents

I am amazed that we have reached mid summer - days seem to rush by. But the beautiful weather we have had recently reminds me that we have a real scarcity of water in this part of the country and the recent demand to increase housing provision has only led to more concern. The Authorities have recently produced a plan to address water scarcity including advice in relation to reduction of use, more rain water retention schemes, both domestic and industrial, and the longer term building of more reservoirs. If anybody is particularly interested I can let them have a copy.

The draft proposals for the introduction of change to the County and District Authorities into Unitary Authorities are gradually being formed. By the time you read this you will have been asked to vote for the initial two Authority structure - Cambridge and Peterborough. The District configuration being divided between the two. The next interesting issue will be how the various responsibilities will be delegated to Towns and Parish councils. The changes will be fully implemented over two years. I will be particularly interested in how the approval of Grants will be managed but as it is not a statutory responsibility this may not be one of the first decisions to be made.

The four Day week project currently being run by South Cambs District Council which enables staff to work for four days but receive a salary for Five days continues. It is due to be considered by a special scrutiny meeting which will be followed by an agenda item at the next full council meeting which will decide whether it will become a permanent arrangement.

So enjoy the weather, contact me if I can help with any problem - just phone me 07774146331 - I do not use my house phone any longer - email cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Best wishes
Sue Ellington
Swavesey Ward South Cambs District Council

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News May/June 2025

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following a notice of co-option one sole application was received from Ms Lisa Boyes who, though a person of several years experience, had to stand down some 4 years ago. Lisa was accordingly welcomed back to the council.

County Council Business

Our newly elected County Councillor Chris Poulton has attended recent Parish Council meetings and has also had meetings with our local highways team who at the time of writing have yet to appoint a highways team officer for our area.

Council leaders have announced that they have identified 3 preferred options for creating new unitary councils across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is in response to the national government requirement to replace the current district, county and city councils with simpler unitary councils. How this will affect the PC is unknown, but the PC will continue to monitor the situation.

The PC continues to press for the repair of our village roads.

Traffic Calming Projects

- The PC held an event at the Memorial Hall in June to allow residents to view the latest 20mph proposal. At the same time the design of the proposed traffic calming was available to be viewed. There will be further discussions with the highways department to finalise the plans.
- Speedwatch – After the completion of training the team have commenced a programme of spot checks around the village. Any additional volunteers are always welcome.

The PC has met with the new County Councillor to discuss all the outstanding issues we have, in particular the Guided Bus car park. We have asked that the road planings located at one end of the car park be spread.

Parking

Once again can we ask all motorists to be considerate where they park their vehicles, particularly in the centre of the village so that driveways and the carriageways are not blocked. It is important that wheelchairs, buggies and emergency service vehicles can get through at all times. The Civil Protection Enforcement Wardens continue to visit the village.

Drainage

As always drainage has been a point of discussion by the PC and the PC is monitoring any progress with the repair of the Brownshill and St Ives staunches by the Environment Agency (EA). The PC have joined the Cambridgeshire Community Flood Group and will attend each meeting or arrange for a local representative to attend.

New T1 Bus Service

Swavesey has benefited from the introduction of the T1 bus service which provides a fast service between Drummer Street and Huntingdon using the Guided Busway and stopping at all bus stops through the village.

COUNCIL NEWS

Village Maintenance & Projects

Many thanks to the Swavesey Litter Pickers who continue to do a sterling job, please remember that there are many litter bins around the village for your use, so please use them.

As part of the development of the new community sports field the PC visited the new Haddenham Sport field to see how their PC approached the development of the site. The visit was very informative especially as the site is of a similar size to ours.

City Fibre continue to work through our village to lay Full Fibre Broadband, the PC will monitor the work ensuring that any disruption to the verges and paths is made good when the work is completed.

The repair of the Moat Way play area should be completed by the time you read this. However, it should be noted that the repairs are very expensive so moving forward please report any damage you see to the PC without delay.

Further details on everything that is discussed at the Parish Council meetings can be found in the Minutes or on the Council's website at www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk

Swavesey Parish Council Website: swavesey-pc.gov.uk

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Memorial Hall Administrator: Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

St Andrew's Church

Services at St Andrew's
Please join us for worship at 11am on any Sunday morning. At 8pm on the first Thursday of every month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer followed by Compline remembering the people of Ukraine and other countries affected by war.

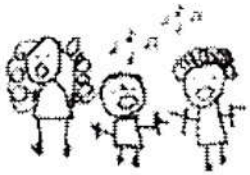
You can find information about all our services and events on Facebook and online at A Church near You: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/

A message from our new Team Rector

Hello I'm Stephen, the new priest at St Andrew's Church. A little bit about me: I love running, reading and live music. I recently saw Beyonce on her Cowboy Carter tour which was a truly amazing evening! I'm really enjoying getting to know St Andrew's and the community of Swavesey. I look forward to hopefully meeting more people who live, work and play here in the coming weeks and months.

Ministry Team:
Rev'd Stephen Dove (Team Rector): stephen@5folds.org.uk
Canon Jan Payne (Licensed Lay Minister): jan.payne@northstowe.church
Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk
(Colin works Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to noon)
Churchwardens Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 and Bridget Lofts: 01954 231068

Diddy Disciples Sunday School
This is our new Sunday School for younger children. We sing songs, draw and make things and most of all, learn about Jesus. We meet every Sunday at the back of church. Do join us.



St Andrew's Church

Emmaus House Group
We are a small group of people who meet every other Wednesday morning on Zoom to learn more about God through studying the Bible. We choose our own subjects and ask lots of questions but don't always find the answers! More details from Nicky Carne: nicky_carne@hotmail.com or the churchwardens.

Craft Group
Our group meets every other Wednesday to work together on group activities; have you seen our decorations on the carpark cross? You can bring your own craft activity to work on or just come to enjoy the company over a hot drink and cake.
Details from Jacqui Fuller: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

Meet us at Swavesey's Community Café - Compass Café every third Thursday of the month, 10:30am – 12 noon. Enjoy our wonderful cakes and coffee.

Events at St Andrew's
Thank you for your support at all of our events so far this year; we hope that you have enjoyed them. Keep an eye on social media for news of new events.

Our new Benefice Team Vicar

We are delighted to welcome The Rev'd Edward (Ed) Green as our new 5Folds Team Vicar from September 16th. Ed has a background in teaching prior to his training for ministry and is currently Assistant Curate at Little St Mary's Church in Cambridge. Ed is married to Katie and they have a young daughter born in 2024.

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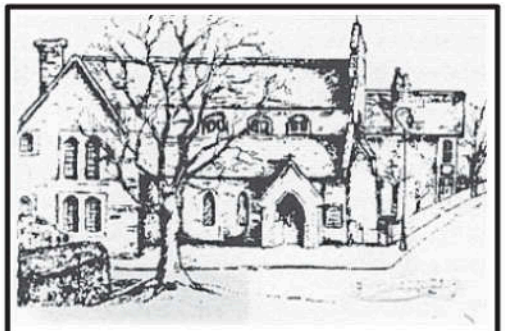

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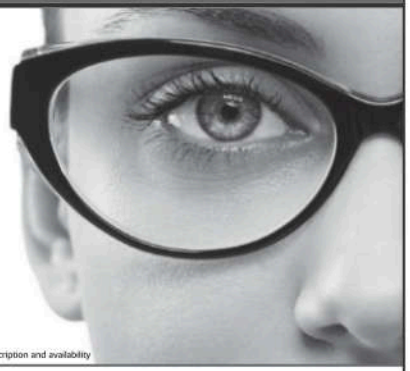

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Compass Café - Thursdays 10:30am-12pm

You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run cafe. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

Baby & toddler group. All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. Drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, including drinks & snacks for all! We hope you can come along and join us!

The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm

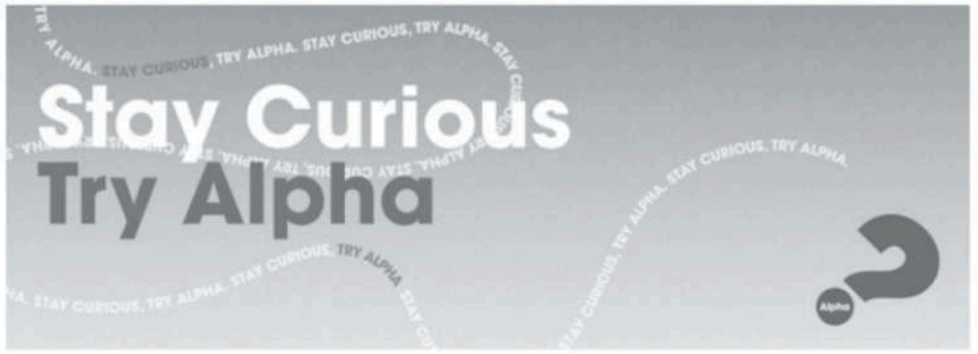
Open to all year 6 and secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. £1 entry fee. Parents must complete a permission form.

Craft & Chat - 1st Saturday of every month 10am-12pm

Bring along your craft and share a cuppa! Whatever it is you are working on, (whether knitting or cross stitch, painting or scrap booking) come and enjoy a relaxed Saturday morning with other crafters.

Sunday Services - Sundays 10:45am

You are warmly invited to join us for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to all and are family friendly with children's Sunday School groups for all ages! Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, conversation and maybe even some crafts! We have a special Communion service once a month on the 3rd Sunday. At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.



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Save the Date! Swavesey Village Carols are returning to Market Street on Saturday 13th December 2025. Look out for more details nearer the time!

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Sheddit!	Sheddit! is the community shed for Swavesey and surrounding areas. The group works on a range of projects and welcome new members who enjoy making things from wood and metal. Contact: Phil Cohen 07957 422292 Website: https://shareborrowconnect.org/
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
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Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Dog Lovers of Swavesey	Dog Lovers of Swavesey is a friendly group where anyone with a love for dogs is welcome with or without dog. Meetings are on the Recreation Green organised through the Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogloversofswavesey where we also exchange tips, ask for advice or have a laugh. Resources are gathered at https://dogloversofswavesey.co.uk/. Contact: Matt at matthewyoung1@btinternet.com or Anita at anita.faul@outlook.com" Tel 01954 232791
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/owls-community-car-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234).
Swavesey Girlguiding	<table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Wednesdays</td><td>secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Paul Clarke (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Mrs Paula Land (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Beavers** Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Cubs** Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone (01954) 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in Fen Drayton Village Hall, Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton from 7.45pm - 9.30pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk Or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Classes are in the primary school main hall at 6pm. The contact details are Master Louise Morton on 07919 050261 or email enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk. The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
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British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. (01954) 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on (01954) 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net Website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at:- www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.00 - 9.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore (01954) 230848
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Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCksZ_SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

Fireflies Netball Club	Friendly local club, everyone welcome, from back-to-netballers to seasoned players. We have teams playing in CDNL and Fenland Netball leagues. Training is on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm at Northstowe Secondary School. First month is free. £15 per month thereafter. Contact firefliesnetballclub@gmail.com for more information.
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of. August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's). Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - reesonhkx46k@aol.com; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/ Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambs County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737 391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker (01954) 231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	At the moment we organise interesting walks If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - (01954) 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Swavesey & Over Tennis Club: Club nights are Mondays and Fridays, 6.30-8.30pm. We welcome new members - further information our website https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc, or you can email us on SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com, or call Steve 07393 825027 or Melanie 07453 523999.
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year.New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757
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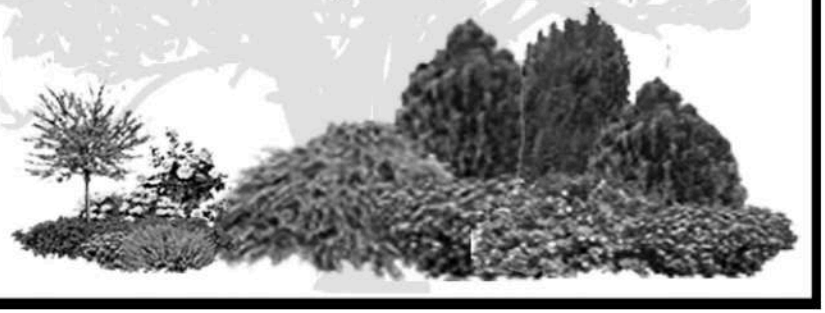

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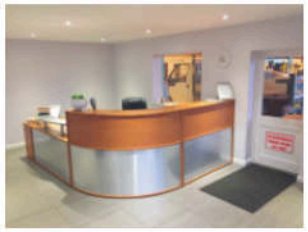

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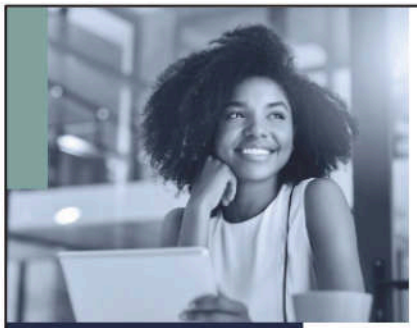

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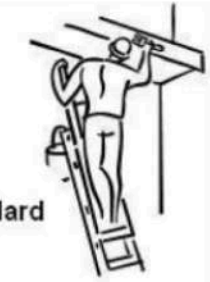

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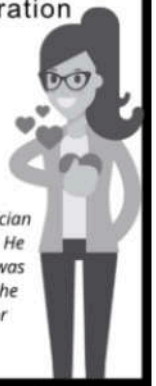

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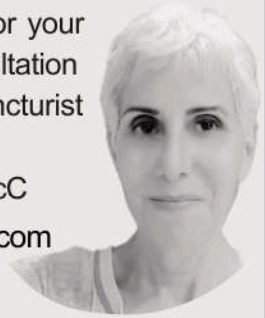

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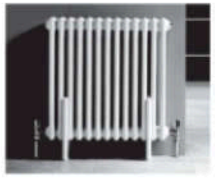

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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date.

We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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